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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

TO: ARCHITECTS

FROM: Tim Mason, Administrator

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SUBJECT: **DPW PROJECT NO. 09-193**

**General Building Infrastructure, Multi-Purpose Classroom building
Boise State University (BSU)
Boise, Idaho**

Submittals will be received at the Division of Public Works, 502 N. 4th Street, P.O. BOX 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0072, until **November 10th, 2008** at 5:00 p.m., for furnishing design services to the State of Idaho.

Questions that arise as a result of this Request for Qualifications should be addressed to:

Ben H. Hill, Architect - Project Manager
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Program clarification and additional data may be requested by appointment only, with Aaron Whitman, Project Manager, Architectural & Engineering Services, Boise State University, Boise, Idaho, (208)-426-1268.

The project will be funded by state funds. The Division of Public Works will administer the project according to the terms and conditions of the award and State laws and guidelines. The Architect will receive general instructions through the State. A Project Manager of the Division of Public Works will be assigned to serve as project manager and liaison between the Department of Administration, the Agency, and the Architect.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

New Physics research laboratories are planned for the third floor of the Multipurpose Classroom Building (MPC). Two laboratory remodels (MP308 and MP309) are planned for the immediate future, and will be followed by additional laboratory conversions foreseen as the planned growth of the Department is implemented. These labs will require new fume hoods and access to an equipment cooling loop for new water-cooled research equipment. The existing Multipurpose Building infrastructure is not adequate to support this equipment and must be upgraded.

The Project will install a dedicated rooftop air handling unit for the entire third floor of the Multipurpose Classroom Building. This increase in HVAC capacity will accommodate the addition of up to six new research lab spaces on the third floor of this building. A manifold exhaust system will be included to allow for the installation of up to 12 additional fume hoods (these hoods will be installed in subsequent research laboratory remodel projects). A chilled water equipment cooling loop will be installed to accommodate the installation of heat producing laboratory equipment; this loop will reduce the overall cooling load for the third floor. The work will also include necessary electrical upgrades to support the new mechanical equipment as well as the installation of the equipment cooling loop.

REQUIRED SERVICES

The State is requesting submittals for complete design services including observation during construction.

A total project budget of \$995,000 has been established to include fees, contingencies and tests.

The Architect shall be licensed to practice architecture in the State of Idaho.

A relatively complete construction cost estimate will be required following the Design Development Phase and must be updated at each additional phase.

The Architect will be responsible for Schematic Design, Design Development, Construction Documents, Bidding Assistance and Construction Observation.

The Architect shall make a minimum of one (1) presentation to the Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council and shall keep in mind that during all phases, code compliance, energy efficiency, and building maintenance concerns should be incorporated into the design.

The Architect will be required to meet monthly with the Project Manager for the purpose of providing a verbal report regarding the previous month's progress. Such monthly meetings will show funds expended in the completion of the project and specific accomplishments related to the completion of the project.

The Architect shall produce the following major written products for review by the State and/or Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council (PBFAC).

1. A preliminary report to the Division of Public Works and the Agency after Schematic services has been completed.

2. A Design Development Report and update to the Owner, Agency and the PBFAC, prior to beginning Construction Documents, along with recommended project budget.
3. A final report at the conclusion of the Construction Document Phase to the Owner, Agency and PBFAC for any additional input and final acceptance.

QUALIFICATION STATEMENT CONTENT

- A. **Basic Qualifications:** Provide basic data relative to firm's size, history, personnel, special expertise and general credits. Individual resumes, awards, associations, etc., may be included. Office brochures should be submitted separately as supplemental data.

The Division of Public Works reserves the right to investigate and confirm the candidate's financial responsibility. This may include financial statements, bank references and interviews with past consultants, employees and creditors. Unfavorable responses to these investigations are grounds for rejection of proposal.

- B. **Specific Qualifications:** List the team expected to accomplish this work including anticipated consultants. Describe who will perform the various tasks, the amount of their involvement and responsibilities, and give their qualifications. Provide a list of at least five (5) projects, with brief descriptions, which show ability to complete projects of this scope.
- C. **Approach to Project:** Include a statement of your approach to this specific project, including design philosophy, understanding of program, alternative concepts and methods for consideration. Limit to two pages.
- D. **Past Performance:** Submit reference letters from prior clients or client representatives. Letters from projects listed in item B are preferable. In addition, past performance comments may be obtained from DPW and Agency staff.
- E. **Examples of Work:** Renderings, photographs, preliminary drawings, working drawings and specifications may be submitted as examples of your work. For Architects who have done work for the Division of Public Works in the past three years, a reference to the project or projects will be sufficient in lieu of examples.
- F. **Special Requirements:** Provide information regarding specific involvement with this project or a special expertise in this type of project. Examples are: design of original building or phase, preliminary studies or programming of this project, special training or experience in this type of building.
- G. **Format:** To assist evaluation it is desirable to format the submittal similar to the headings listed above. The submittals should be clear and to the point. Emphasis should be placed on specific qualifications of the people to actually perform the project and the approach to designing this specific project. Performance on past projects with the State of Idaho and other clients is a highly important factor. All proposals shall include complete addresses, phone numbers, and fax numbers. Failure to provide this and other complete information will cause the proposal to be unresponsive.

Submit five (5) copies of the submittal.

EVALUATION

An evaluation committee consisting of persons from the Division of Public Works, Agency and an independent architect/engineer will rank the submittals, and at least three (3), but not more than five (5) firms may be selected for personal interviews.

After interviewing the selected candidates, the evaluation committee will re-rank the firms to determine the final point score.

PROPOSED DATES:

Receive Submittal	November 10, 2008
Oral Interviews	November 24, 2008
Review by PBFAC	December 2, 2008
Negotiate Contract	December 12, 2008
Design Development presentation Phase I	February 3, 2009

SELECTION

The State will attempt to select a firm at the next scheduled Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council meeting. Upon selection of a firm, the State will issue a letter of intent. However, final award is contingent upon the successful negotiation of an Agreement.

The contents of the submittal may be used in a legal contract or agreement. Candidates should be aware that methods and procedures proposed could become contractual obligations. The successful firm will be required to sign an agreement including the State's standard terms, including a requirement to carry and maintain a minimum of \$2,000,000 professional liability insurance coverage, except in special circumstances.

The State reserves the right to reject any or all submittals received as a result of this request.

The State may also negotiate separately with any source in any manner necessary to serve the best interests of the State of Idaho. Awards will be made on the basis of submittals resulting from this request and subsequent interviews.